

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be vitiated. **Page S2461**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S2482**

Measures Read First Time: **Pages S2465, S2481–82**

Executive Communications: **Pages S2465–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2467–69**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2469–76**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2476–79**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2480**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—79) **Pages S2459, S2460**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:44 a.m., and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2482.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Mark Limbaugh, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, both of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of State and foreign operations, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (ARMY)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Army, after re-

ceiving testimony from Francis Harvey, Secretary, and General Peter Schoomaker, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on Air Force and Navy tactical aviation programs, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, Congressional Budget Office; Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lieutenant General Donald J. Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Rear Admiral Thomas J. Kilcline, Jr., USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, and Rear Admiral Steven L. Enewold, USN, Program Executive Officer, Joint Strike Fighter Program, both of the United States Navy.

FAA BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Federal Aviation Administration and the long-term viability of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund (AATF), after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Todd J. Zinser, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. efforts to promote anti-corruption strategies of multilateral development banks, after receiving testimony from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Cynthia S. Perry, African Development Bank, and Ruth E. Levine, Center for Global Development, both of Washington, D.C.; William Easterly, New York University, New York, New York; and Adam Lerrick, Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Warren W. Tichenor, of Texas, to be U.S. Representative to the

Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Patricia P. Brister, of Louisiana, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the U.S. Representative on the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, who was introduced by Senator Vitter, Rajkumar Chellaraj, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, and George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL THREAT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a hearing to examine securing the global supply chain relating to neutralizing the nuclear and radiological threat, focusing on the domestic and international deployment of radiation detection equipment, U.S. government efforts to prevent radiological or nuclear terrorism, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Radiation Portal Monitor (RPM) Program to install RPMs at U.S. ports of entry, the Department of Energy Second Line of Defense program to install RPMs at key international border crossings and ports, and the importation of radiological sources across the Northern and Southern border, receiving testimony from former New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean, Trenton, on behalf of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; Eugene E. Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, and Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering, all of the Government Accountability Office; David G. Huizenga, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Office of International Material Protection and Cooperation, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration; Vayl S. Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, and Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen E. Flynn, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 30.

MEDICAID FRAUD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine eliminating Medicaid fraud, focusing on the current infrastructure for Medicaid program integrity at the state and

Federal level, including a review of the current system for tracking improper spending and fraud at the state and Federal levels, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, and Dennis Smith, Director, Center for Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Brian G. Flood, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Austin.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness held a hearing to examine public health preparedness in the 21st century, focusing on a national public health infrastructure with real-time situational awareness, and responding to threats by terrorism or natural disasters, receiving testimony from Richard Besser, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael C. Caldwell, Dutchess County Department of Health, Poughkeepsie, New York; Peggy A. Honore, Mississippi Department of Health, Jackson; Lisa G. Kaplowitz, Virginia Department of Health, Richmond; Nicole Lurie, The RAND Corporation, and Elin A. Gursky, ANSER, Analytic Services, Inc., both of Arlington, Virginia; and Tara O'Toole, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Center for Biosecurity, Baltimore, Maryland.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging held a hearing to examine reauthorization of the Older Americans Act Title V, focusing on senior community service employment, receiving testimony from Mason M. Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training; Ignacio Salazar, SER—Jobs for Progress National, Inc., Irving, Texas; Kent Kahn, Experience Works, Inc., Lima, Ohio; and Anthony R. Sarmiento, Senior Service America, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

INDIAN TRUST REFORM ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1439, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform and resolution of historical accounting claims, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary, and Ross Swimmer, Special Trustee for American Indians, both of the Department of the Interior; Tex G. Hall, the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation,

New Town, North Dakota, on behalf of sundry organizations; Jim Gray, Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Clifford Lyle Marshall, Sr., Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, Hoopa, California; Austin Nunez, Indian Land Working Group, Tucson, Arizona; and Majel M. Russell, Crow Tribe of Indians, Billings, Montana.

WARTIME POWERS AND FISA COURT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine wartime executive powers and the FISA Court, focusing on National Security Agency standards and procedures for electronic surveil-

lance of international terrorist activity, after receiving testimony from Judge Harold A. Baker, U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois; Judge Stanley S. Brotman, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey; Judge John F. Keenan, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; Judge William Stafford, Jr., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida; Magistrate Judge Allan Kornblum, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida; Morton H. Halperin, Open Society Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; and David S. Kris, Time Warner, Inc., New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 5013–5035; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 365; and H. Res. 736–741 were introduced. **Pages H1195–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1196–98**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 741, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 609) to amend and extend the Higher Education Access Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 109–399)

H.R. 4882, to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by providing a deadline for the designation of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (H. Rept. 109–400) **Page H1195**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Schwarz of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1133**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Deadline Enforcement Act: H.R. 4882, amended, to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by providing a deadline for the designation of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 68;

Pages H1137–39, H1162–63

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by designating a site for a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.”

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H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4786, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 535 Wood Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as the “H. Gordon Payrow Post Office Building”; **Pages H1139–40**

Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3440, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Avenida RL Rodriguez in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as the “Dr. Jose Celso Barbosa Post Office Building”; **Page H1140**

Gene Vance Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4805, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 North Quincy Street in Clinton, Illinois, as the “Gene Vance Post Office Building”; **Pages H1140–41**

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National MPS Day”: H. Res. 85, to support the goals and ideals of “National MPS Day”; **Pages H1141–42**

Recognizing the life of Wellington Timothy Mara and his outstanding contributions to the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States: H. Res. 517, to recognize the life of Wellington Timothy Mara and his outstanding contributions to the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States; **Pages H1142–44**

Providing that attorneys employed by the Department of Justice shall be eligible for compensatory time off for travel under section 5550b of title 5, United States Code: H.R. 4057, amended, to provide that attorneys employed by the Department of Justice shall be eligible for compensatory